



A Donate Life Program



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The Honorable Paul E. Opsommer  
Chairman, House Committee on Transportation  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Dear Representative Opsommer and members of the Committee:

I am writing to support House Bill 4978 and Senate Bill 534 and kindly ask that this letter be shared with the Committee.

I am the laboratory manager at Gift of Life Michigan, the State's only federally designated organ and tissue recovery program. I have been working in the field of transplantation for over five years and I always feel that I am very fortunate to be a part of the team in facilitating the extension and improvement of the lives of others.

As you and others may have already recognized, there are roughly 3000 citizens in the state of Michigan who are desperately waiting for either life-saving organs or organs that would dramatically improve their quality of life. Sadly, many of them are going to die while waiting, in part due to the lack of public consciousness of anatomical donation which results in an ongoing shortage of qualified donors.

I strongly believe the passing of House Bill 4978 and Senate Bill 534 will be a very importance part in our continuous efforts in supporting and promoting organ, tissue and eye donation in the state of Michigan by increasing public awareness of the potentials to improve and extend the lives of others.

Yours Sincerely,

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